

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCarter S13890

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The State of Alabama Greene County

On this sixth day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Thomas F. Moody, Judge of the County Court of the said County of Greene, which said court is now sitting, James McCarter, a resident Citizen of the said County of Greene & State of Alabama, aged Sixty Seven years & upwards, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. He the said James McCarter saith that in the year 1780 he entered into the service of the United States, as a volunteer, under Capt. Moody, in the State of South Carolina, in Abbeville district. After he the said James McCarter became attached to the company of Capt. Moody as aforesaid, his the said Capt. Moody's Company was attached to the forces under the command of Col. Dunn, in South Carolina, but Col. Dunn, was himself from Georgia. The British forces at Ninety Six in South Carolina under the command of Col. Cruger [John Harris Cruger], became too strong for Col. Dunn, & he the said Col. Dunn disbanded his forces & directed all his men to shift for themselves. He the said James McCarter further saith that he remained after this, with Capt. Moody & his company, until Capt. Moody was killed in a skirmish at the house of one John Anderson. In this skirmish two persons in Capt. Moody's Company were killed & 2 or 3 men were wounded. After this Event & about Christmas in the year 1780, he the said James McCarter, under the command of Capt. Liddle [Moses Liddell], joined the forces under the command of General Andrew Pickens & Col. Anderson [Robert Anderson]; and that he the said James McCarter was marched round through the Cherokee nation, and joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] who was at the Grindal Shoals in the Pacolet River. General Morgan sent General Pickens & he the said James McCarter was under his command & marched with him, out between him the said General Morgan, & the British forces under the command of Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]. Col. Tarleton marched to attack General Pickens with superior forces, & General Pickens retreated rapidly, and indeed his forces were kept in motion during the whole of one night, before we got back to General Morgan's Camp. The fatigues and exposures of this excursion & retreat, gave to him the said James McCarter a violent cold, & he became so unwell that it became necessary for him to be taken home to Burke County North Carolina where he remained about three months an invalid, when he the said James McCarter recovered, in the year 1781, he the said James McCarter again joined

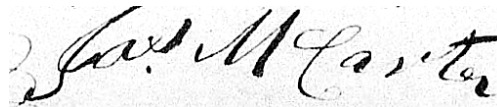
the American Army & was employed among others in building a block house in Abbeville district near General Pickens's and he the said James McCarter was stationed at the block house for about two months. He the said James McCarter was then marched off, under the command of Capt. Alexander McAlpin as a scouting party about through Abbeville district. He the said James McCarter served under the said Capt. McAlpin in this scouting parties for a month or six weeks -- after these services were rendered he the said James McCarter was attached to the scouting party in the district of Abbeville, under the command of Capt. John McCarter, who was a brother of him the said James McCarter and in this service he the said James McCarter remained several months. In this way as above related, he the said James McCarter was in the service for at least two years, beginning in the year 1780 & terminating in the year 1782. In the course of this period he the said James McCarter made an Expedition against the Cherokee Indians, under the command of Col. Anderson.¹

He the said James McCarter hereby relinquishes Every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac C. Snedecor, Clerk

S/ Jas. McCarter



Interrogatories propounded by the court to the said James McCarter, and the answers of him the said James McCarter, made on oath, duly administered according to law

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, States he was born in the Hawfields as it was called in the State of North Carolina the 28th day of May 1765 -- as he was informed by the record of his age that he has seen in his father's family Bible & has no further record of his age than that, -- when he entered the service of the United States he was a resident citizen of Abbeville district in the State of South Carolina, where he remained a Citizen until the year 1818 he removed to Greene County Alabama where he has lived ever since. States that he never received from his officers any other than a verbal discharge as was the common practice in those days with the volunteer Corps, he states that he can prove his services by Col. Patrick Norris² a citizen of Greene County & State of Alabama as also his character for veracity. He the said James McCarter states that he can also prove by James Morrett a clergyman and James Yeates & Solomon McAlpin his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not upon the pension Roll of any State or territory [James Morrett, a clergyman, Solomon McAlpin & James Yeates gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Patrick Norris hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with the above applicant &

¹ This MAY be a reference to the Cherokee Campaign of 1782.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_last_cherokee_campaign.html

² [Patrick Norris S15198](#)

during the Revolution served with him and know him to be a soldier in the United States service.

Sworn & subscribed to this date above written in open Court

Attest: S/ Isaac C. Snedecor, Clerk

S/ Patrick Norris



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The State of Alabama Greene County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Greene aforesaid, James McCarter, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory, he cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection, he Served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grade, For two years & one month I served as a private Soldier in the Army as a Revolutionary Soldier and for such Services I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 5th day of
August 1833

S/ H. L. Kennon, JP

S/ Jas. McCarter

[p 30: On August 15, 1836, in Greene County Alabama, the veteran applied for a new pension certificate saying that he had lost his old one.]

[p 37: On September 7, 1838, in Greene County Alabama, the veteran again applied for a new pension certificate to replace a lost one.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to James McCarter
Audited Account No. 4907A

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[Book] P [No.] 210

Mr. James McCarter his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private done alternately since the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £217

Stg. [Sterling] £31

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to James McCarter
for Duty in the militia per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] £217
Stg. £31

Received April 14, 1785 the full Amount of the above Account in a Treasury Indent No. 210 P
for James McCarter

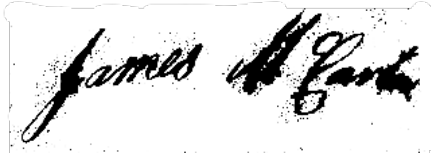
S/ John McCarter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McCarter", written in dark ink on a light background.

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I Do hereby Authorize and empower John McCarter to Draw And Received, And to Dispose of
for my use or his own as he shall think fit, an Indent together with the Interest Due thereon,
being monies Due to me for serving in the Public of this State agreeable to Returns made by Col.
Robert Anderson into the Auditor's Office – Given my hand this 22nd Day of July A.D. 1787

S/ James McCarter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James McCarter", written in dark ink on a light background.

State of South Carolina
Ninety Six District }

I Do hereby certify the Above James McCarter Signed and acknowledged the above Order in
[my] Presence
S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP